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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4. This sheet, which includes Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. Figure 4 has been amended to illustrate the presence of second or middle layer 23.

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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **December 15, 2005**. In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Claims 1-8, 12-13, 17-18, 20-21, 24-25 and 33-38 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a). Claims 22-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The paragraphs below correspond to those of the Office Action.

CFR 1.83(a) – Drawings

Figure 4 has been amended to illustrate the presence of second or middle layer 23.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the drawing shows every feature of the invention specified in the claims and requests that this objection be withdrawn.

35 USC 103

Claims 1-8, 12-13, 17-18, 20-21, 24-25 and 33-38 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Danforth (US 4,822,345) in view of Samuelson (US 6,464,683). In order to further prosecution, Applicant has amended instant independent claim 1 to include a recitation that “the at least one fluid transmission lumen defined by a lumen wall, the lumen wall positioned between the inner shaft and the outer shaft.” This element is not taught or suggested by Danforth. The proposed addition of the inner shaft with three layers of Samuelson does nothing to address the failure of Danforth to teach or suggest all of the elements of instant independent claim 1 from which claims 2-8, 12-13, 17-18, 20-21, 24-25 and 33-38 depend. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-8, 12-13, 17-18, 20-21, 24-25 and 33-38

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are in condition for allowance and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

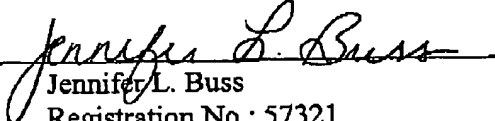
Conclusion

In light of the above comments, claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-21, 23-25, and 33-38 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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